

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

UTILITY PATENT

Applicant:	Tipirneni, Kishore	Docket No.	51491.0117
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Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE FIXATION OF BONE FRACTURES	Examiner:	Javier Blanco

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

In timely reply to the Office communication dated August 29, 2008, Applicant corrects the omission in claim 17 referenced by the Examiner, and indicates herein that all pending claims are readable upon the elected species (CAP: Species C, embodied in Figure 2C). Moreover, Applicant has reviewed each of the claims to ensure compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

Accordingly, the following Reply is fully responsive to the prior Office Action dated May 28, 2008, and Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the Amendments and Remarks contained herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this document.